

Chapter 12: Public Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Centers

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Sec. 12-101 Development of Municipal Recreation Programs

The authority to develop programs of recreational activities and services designed to meet the leisure time, interest and needs of all municipal citizens is hereby granted to and vested in the park and recreation board, which board shall have the power to maintain and equip parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, and the buildings associated therewith, and to develop, maintain, and operate all types of recreation facilities as provided in Chapter 36-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Sec. 12-102 Regulation Governing use of Public Parks and Facilities

1. Use of Grounds and Facilities in General Each person, firm, or corporation using the public parks and grounds shall clean up all debris, extinguish all fires when such fires are permitted, and leave the premises in good order and the facilities in a neat and sanitary condition.
2. Prohibited Acts It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation using such parks, grounds, or facilities to either perform or permit to be performed any of the following acts:
 - a. Willfully make, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or remove, any buildings; bridges; tables; benches; fireplaces; railings; paving or paving material; waterlines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof; signs, notices, or placards whether temporary or permanent; monuments; stakes, posts, or other boundary markers; or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal;
 - b. Throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any foundation, pond, lake, stream, bay, or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing- liquid or solid- which will or may result in the pollution of said waters;
 - c. Damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any tree or plant or any part thereof;
 - d. Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot, or throw missiles at any animal, reptile, or bird; or remove or have in his possession the young of any wild animal, or the eggs, nest, or young of any other animal;
 - e. Bring in or dump, deposit, or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse, or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park,

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or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in the proper receptacles so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for the presence of same, and properly disposed of elsewhere;

- f. Disturb the peace, or use any profane or obscene language;
 - g. Endanger the safety of any person by any conduct or act;
 - h. Commit any assault or battery or engage in fighting;
 - i. Carry, possess, or drink any alcoholic beverage in the park;
 - j. Violate any rule for the use of the park, made or approved by the park and recreation board;
 - k. Prevent any person from using any park or any of its facilities, or interfere with such use in compliance with this chapter and with the rules applicable to such use;
 - l. Swim, bathe, or wade in any waters or waterways in or adjacent to any park, except in such waters and at such places as are provided therefor, and in compliance with such regulations as are herein set forth or may be hereafter adopted; or
 - m. Dress or undress on any beach, or in any vehicle, toilet, or other place, except in such bathing houses or structures as may be provided for that purpose.
3. Hours of Operation The public parks shall be open daily to the public during the hours of six (6:00) a.m. - ten (10:00) p.m.; and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons other than city personnel conducting city business therein to occupy or be present in such parks during any other hours.

Any section or part of a park, or an entire park, may be declared closed to the public by the Director of Public Works at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular or stated intervals.

4. Group Activity Whenever more than ten (10) members of any group, association, or organization desire to use any park facilities for a particular purpose, such as picnics, parties, or theatrical or other entertainment performances, a representative of such group, association, or organization shall first obtain a permit from the Director of Public Works for such purpose. The Director of Public Works shall grant the application for a permit if it

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appears that the group, association, or organization will not interfere with the general use of the park by individual member of the public, and if the said group, association, or organization meets all other reasonable conditions which may be imposed by the Director of Public Works.

Such application may contain a requirement for an indemnity bond to protect the city from any liability of any kind or character and to protect city property from damage.

5. Picnic Areas and Use No person in a park shall use any portion of the picnic areas or of any of the buildings or structures therein, for the purpose of holding picnics to the exclusion of other persons, nor shall any person use such areas and facilities for an unreasonable time if the facilities are crowded.
6. Other Regulations
 - a. Games It shall be unlawful for any person to take part in or abet the playing of any games involving throwing or otherwise propelling objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, or model airplanes except in areas set apart for such forms of recreation. The playing of rough or potentially dangerous games such as football, baseball, and soccer is prohibited except on the fields, courts, or areas provided therefor.
 - b. Camping It shall be unlawful for any person to set up tents, shacks, or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, nor shall any person leave in a park after closing hours any movable structure or special vehicle to be used, for such purpose, such as a house-trailer, camp-trailer, camp-wagon, or the like.
 - c. Fires It shall be unlawful for any person to build or attempt to build a fire except in such areas and under such regulations as may be designated by the Director of Public Works. No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes, or cigars, tobacco paper, or other inflammable material within any park area or on any highway, road, or street abutting or contiguous thereto.
 - d. Animals It shall be unlawful, to bring any dangerous animal into any park, and it shall be unlawful to permit any dog to be in any park unless such dog is on a leash, or otherwise completely under the control of the owner.
 - e. Automobiles It shall be unlawful to park any automobile except on a street, driveway, or parking lot in nay park; or to park or leave any such vehicle in any place other than one established for public parking.

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- f. Sales It shall be unlawful for any person to vend, sell, peddle, or offer for sale any commodity or article within any park.
- g. Alcoholic Beverages It shall be unlawful for any person within any park to have in his or her possession, custody, or control any alcoholic beverage of any kind whatsoever.
- h. Signs It shall be unlawful for anyone to paste, glue, tack, or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement, or inscription whatsoever, nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatsoever on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to a park, except that these provisions shall not apply to any properly authorized government official in pursuit of any official duty.

Sec. 12-103 Riverwalk Ordinance

The City of Woodbine in connection with the ISTEPA Project recently completed the paving of the walkway and construction of the Riverwalk. The City Council wishes to make the said walkway from West 4th Street to the new Riverwalk a “no skateboard zone” so that the said walkway and Riverwalk will be for the use and enjoyment of the citizens of Woodbine and visitors to Woodbine.

1. The walkway and Riverwalk is declared to be a no skateboard zone with same to be clearly marked as such by signs to be posted by the City of Woodbine.
2. No bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades or any other non-handicap type vehicle shall be allowed on the Riverwalk at any time.
3. Anyone found guilty of violating this ordinance may be fined up to \$500.00 by the Municipal Court Judge or dealt with by proper authorities of the violator in a minor.

Adopted in regular session by the Woodbine City Council on August 3, 1998.